



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FAMILY BUSINESS WEEK
APRIL 20-24, 2009

WHEREAS, family-owned businesses are the backbone of our economy, with family businesses comprising 80 to 90 percent of all business enterprises in North America; and

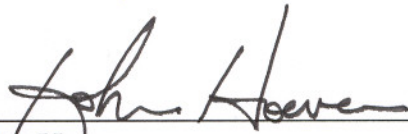
WHEREAS, family-owned businesses account for 60 percent of total U.S. employment, 78 percent of all new jobs and 65 percent of wages paid; and

WHEREAS, family businesses account for 50 percent of the national gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's family-owned businesses are an integral part of the state's business community and contribute to the growth of our economy and the strength of our communities and state; and

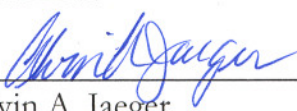
WHEREAS, since 1993, the Prairie Family Business Association has expanded its educational and networking services to help foster successful and healthy family businesses in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 20-24, 2009, **FAMILY BUSINESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State